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Subject R. Lavin Status Report

I mentioned to Lee when I was out at the site yesterday that we have had to change transporters for the water for several reasons. First, price commitments that were made 6 months ago did not take into account the rapid rise in fuel prices, so several of the transporters wanted significantly higher fees to move the water. Second, our primary transporter failed to renew its license to haul waste liquids. Yes, you are all correct, it was a major mistake and is now a major problem for a company that makes its living hauling waste liquid. I am fairly certain that it cost at least one person their job. However, we found 2 other transporters capable of completing the work for us and we were hoping to start moving water this evening.

Unfortunately, the treatment facility in Bristol, Wisconsin where we planned to ship the water is not very large, so treatment capacity is always a concern of the operators. In fact, their general approach is that when it rains, or when there is a significant threat of rain, capacity is reserved for system users and other outside sources are asked to wait. Earlier today, Bristol informed us that we would not be able to ship any water until next week at the earliest due to the forecast for severe storms over the next several days. As a result, we will not be able to complete site work before the end of this month as we had hoped. Right now we are hoping that we can move 30 to 50 percent of the water next week so that we will be set to clean the big tank at the south end on Tuesday, June 1. If we can do this, and provided there are no big rain storms in the forecast next week, then we should be able to complete all of the site work except for the actual disposal by June 11, 2004. I will keep you posted of the status and any further schedule changes that are necessary.

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